

# 200 WOMEN STORM JEROME'S OFFICE

## BROKAW FAMILY PAID \$17,500 IN MRS. POILLON SUIT

### Clubman Wanted to Fight but Father Settled Case—Family Attorney Got \$2,500 and Woman's Lawyers Kept \$7,500.

Ex-Judge and former District-Attorney William M. K. Olcott appeared in the City Court to-day to deny the statement of Mrs. Katherine Poillon that his firm (Black, Olcott, Gruber & Bonyne) had robbed her of the greater part of the \$20,000 that W. Gould Brokaw paid to settle the handsome young woman's claim for \$250,000 damages for breach of promise to marry.

Carl Fischer-Hansen, the brother-in-law of Mr. Brokaw, who, it is alleged, got \$2,500 of the money, accompanied Mr. Olcott to help out in the denial.

The testimony was taken in the supplementary proceedings brought against Mrs. Poillon by a Sixth avenue department store on an \$800 judgment. Charles A. Rosenthal, for the judgment creditor, conducted the examination.

Mr. Bonyne, of the Olcott firm, was subpoenaed yesterday by Mr. Rosenthal, but turned the subpoena over to Mr. Olcott, who handled the case for the firm.

Mrs. Poillon and her tall athletic sister, Charlotte, arrived ten minutes after the lawyers, sweeping into court with long, determined strides. Mrs. Poillon was accompanied by her counsel, Frederick E. Goldsmith. Mr. Fischer-Hansen was the first to be examined. He said:

"I have read Mrs. Poillon's testimony and wish to make this statement. At the time the settlement was made some question arose as to the payment of certain bills, amounting to \$2,600. There was one bill of \$1,200 or \$1,400 to the American Surety Company, another to Levy & Unger for \$400, another to the Waldorf-Astoria for \$600 or \$700, another bill of \$200 or \$300 to a man named Allen, amounting in all to about \$2,500.

"This amount I received from Black, Olcott & Gruber, and those bills are all paid except the one to the American Surety Company.

Mr. Hansen was accounting for the \$2,500 Mrs. Poillon said he got more or less as a gift from Mr. Olcott.

At this juncture Mrs. Poillon and her sister pushed their way through a jam of lawyers to seats near Mr. Olcott. Leaving their heads toward the lawyer, they listened intently to his testimony.

He Represented Brokaw.

The attorney said he had been of counsel for Mr. Brokaw until the autumn of 1902, when he had dropped out of the case.

"After the jury was impaneled in the trial last year the proceedings were suddenly stopped. Mrs. Brokaw's counsel, Mr. Black, Mr. Brokaw's counsel, to see Mr. Olcott. I saw Mr. Olcott then for the first time in my life. No member of Mr. Olcott's family had seen me.

"I told Mr. Olcott what I thought of his client and he said he didn't want to hear his client insinuated. He said the case could be settled for \$30,000.

"I told him that it was utterly absurd, that the suit was nothing but a joke.

"I met Mr. Olcott again at the Manhattan Club and Mr. Olcott came down to \$30,000. I again told him this was

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VALUABLE BULLDOG BITES CHILD'S CHEEK.

Animal Held by the Police to Await Orders of the Health Board.

A high-bred bulldog owned by Mrs. Mitchell, of No. 10 West Fifty-eighth street, while being exercised by a servant on Sixth avenue to-day, slightly bit four-year-old John H. Murphy, Jr. in front of the Murphy home at No. 1008 Sixth avenue, inflicting a small wound under the right eye. The boy's father had the servant arrested, but in the West Side Court he was discharged. The dog is held at the police station awaiting the decision of the Board of Health as to the child's condition and the advisability of killing the animal, which is valuable and has a bench record.

SHOT HIS SWEETHEART, THEN TRIED SUICIDE.

BUFFALO, Feb. 14.—As the result of a lovers' quarrel this afternoon, Miss May Van Sickle, aged twenty years, who came from Niagara Falls several weeks ago, and Lawrence Spore, of Niagara Falls, are in the hospital, the former suffering from a bullet wound in the side, alleged to have been inflicted by Spore. Spore carries a bullet in the head, said to have been self-inflicted. The reports from the hospital say the girl will die.

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## CINCINNATI MAN SENDS INVITATION TO THE WEDDING

Resident of Longworth's Home City Got \$400 for Bid to White House.

ANOTHER CARD MISSING

Admission Ticket Separated in Some Way from the Regular Invitation.

(Special to The Evening World.)

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14.—At the White House to-day it is believed the investigators have practically located the person who sold his invitation to the Roosevelt-Longworth wedding for \$400. There is a possibility that two invitation cards instead of one were sold.

It is now pretty certain that somebody in Cincinnati, the home city of the bridegroom, disposed of one of the cards for a cash consideration. Another invitation reached an address in another city with no admission card inclosed. If the mystery is unraveled, the person who sold his card and the person who bought it will be subjected to embarrassing questions.

Some of those who got their tickets in due and accepted form won't be much better off. Those who are assigned to the red room and the green room will not be able to see the ceremony, which will be in the east room. Those nearest the doors of the smaller rooms may be able to catch a peep at the wedding party as it files in, but after that they will have to content themselves with hearing the service, and with looking at the waving fronds, picture hat plumes and be-buttoned backs of modish princess frocks.

Gift of the Bridegroom.

Congressman Longworth's gift to his bride arrived to-day from Cincinnati. It is a necklace of perfectly matched diamonds in a rather unusual and artistic setting. Each of the stones weighs about three-fourths of a carat. Mr. Longworth in his big automobile personally carried the necklace to the White House and with his own hands clasped it about the slender throat of Miss Roosevelt, that she might admire its effect. This necklace is to be worn by the bride at the wedding.

Curiously enough no gift has come from the Czar of Russia. Baron Rosen will send a personal gift, but his imperial ruler has evidently been too busy to select any token for the President's daughter. It is probable that Denmark will be the only other important European nation that fails to officially recognize the marriage of the President's daughter by sending a gift. This is excused on the ground that the court of Denmark is now in mourning.

George B. Cox, the Republican boss of Cincinnati, and Mr. Longworth's political sponsor, is sending Miss Roosevelt a superb cut-glass water pitcher.

Bracelet from Kaiser.

Great interest was felt to-day in the gifts from the Emperor of Germany and the Emperor of Austria, which were expected to arrive by night or sooner. There was general belief that the Kaiser would send a bracelet—not one of the little plain bracelets that the late Queen Victoria used to bestow upon royal brides of the European

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## CONGRER GIVES WARNING OF TROUBLE IN CHINA.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Feb. 14.—Edward M. Conger, for many years United States Minister to China, and who is staying at Pasadena for the winter, is quoted in an interview on the present anti-foreign agitation in China as follows: "The United States should warn China against a repetition of the terrible riots of a few years ago. A show of warships should be made to impress upon the Government of China that the troubles must not be repeated and will not be tolerated. I am satisfied that serious trouble will come, but do not expect that it will be directed especially against the United States, but will be against the Manchurians are insignificant in numbers and the present uprising is a new dynasty and not to oust foreigners."

Witnesses told the coroner that the shooting was the result of an old grudge. The incident will be held next week. Tully died on the way to the hospital just before the ambulance was wrecked by a southbound trolley car at Eighth avenue and One Hundred and Thirty-fifth street.

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Sunday World Wants

Work Monday Wonders

## FOOTBALL LID ON TIGHTER THAN EVER AT COLUMBIA.



Rumor that a gridiron team was to be organized to play under revised rules is met with the official statement that the game has been ruled out of the university.

## WINNERS HARD TO FIND AT NEW ORLEANS TRACKS

### Fourth Race at City Park Declared Off—Talent Has Several Ups ets, Long Shots Finishing in the Money.

FAIR GROUNDS, NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 14.—The card presented here to-day is above the average, the feature being a mile and a half handicap. The track is very fast and the talent received several upsets. The opening race was captured by a 12 to 1 shot.

FIRST RACE—Five and a half furlongs; selling.

Starters, weights and jockeys. Betting. Str. Pl.

SECOND RACE—Three and a half furlongs.

Starters, weights and jockeys. Betting. Str. Pl.

THIRD RACE—Selling; seven furlongs.

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CITY PARK, NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 14.—The sprinters had their inning this afternoon. The feature event at five and one-half furlongs, embraced some of the fastest at the track.

The card is a good one and winners were hard to find, as all the events were well balanced.

FIRST RACE—Four furlongs.

Starters, weights and jockeys. Betting. Str. Pl.

SECOND RACE—One and one-quarter miles; selling.

Starters, weights and jockeys. Betting. Str. Pl.

THIRD RACE—Declared off.

Starters, weights and jockeys. Betting. Str. Pl.

## WESTERN BLIZZARD DUE HERE TO-NIGHT

### Storm Raging Over Great Lakes Likely to Hit New York.

New York will be storm-swept to-night or to-morrow, according to the official weather sharp. The local Weather Bureau has received the following from Washington:

"Northwest storm warnings are displayed at 11 A. M. from Delaware Breakwater to New York; high north-west winds to-night, with cold wave and possibly snow."

A blizzard which struck the Great Lakes last night is said to be headed this way. This blizzard is the most severe that section has felt this winter, completely paralyzing all traffic.

The Weather Bureau prediction is that with the colder weather to-day there will be rain or snow and that to-morrow the temperature will be much colder.

In Bay City, Mich., late yesterday afternoon, one hundred men harvesting ice on Saginaw Bay with a dozen horses were driven ashore in a panic when a sudden northeaster swept down upon them, breaking the ice field loose from shore. The ice field was driven against shore with terrific force, piling barriers ten to twenty feet high.

At Muskegon, Mich., traffic is blocked on interurban lines between Muskegon and Grand Rapids. City traction cars are entirely at the mercy of a heavy snowfall. Mail delivery on rural routes is stopped.

At Milwaukee a blizzard developed into by far the worst storm of the winter. Train service was demoralized and telegraph and telephone companies suffered severely, particularly in the northeastern portion of the State and along the Lake Michigan shore.

AT MILWAUKEE.

Letter Carrier Accused.

NEWARK, N. J., Feb. 14.—Herman G. Hartman, a letter carrier, was arrested by P. O. Office Inspector Cortelyou this afternoon, charged with stealing letters and abstracting money from the mail. Decoy letters with marked bills in them were found in Hartman's boots when he was searched. Numerous complaints from the Harrison district, where Hartman collected the mail, caused suspicion to fall on him. Commissioner Bigelow held him in \$2,000 bail.

## POLICY-HOLDERS OF EMPIRE LIFE DEMAND ACTION

### Women Who for Years Have Paid Money to Bankrupt Concern Go from Receiver to Jerome—To Appeal to Federal Authorities.

Two hundred women, many of them from out of the city, and one of them from Illinois, stormed the offices of the Empire Life Insurance Company to-day and later the office of District-Attorney Jerome, and demanded that something be done in regard to the policies which they have been carrying for years.

Recently a circular was sent out saying the policy-holders would be considered acceptable risks in the Temperance Benevolent Association, which has offices in the same building as the Empire. This report was premature.

On Jan. 12 Attorney-General Mayer forced the Empire Life into the hands of a receiver. It was found that there was cash on hand something in excess of \$3,000, and there were outstanding obligations amounting to several millions of dollars in policies.

## JOHN A. M'CALL SHOWS SLIGHT IMPROVEMENT

### Rallies a Little, but His Son Says He Is a Very Sick Man.

LAKEWOOD, N. J., Feb. 14.—John C. McCall, at the Laurel House this afternoon, declared that his father, John A. McCall, former president of the New York Life, had rallied during the morning and had shown a very slight improvement this afternoon.

"That does not mean that father is out of danger by any means," said Mr. McCall. "He is a very sick man. He realizes his condition, and so do the members of the family, but we are hoping for the best. He is suffering from liver trouble, but just in what form the doctors are unable to determine. None of them have agreed in making a diagnosis."

"Father said this morning that he was ready if it was God's will that he should go. He said that he had lived his life as he saw it and that no man, woman or child could say that he had ever wronged them."

"I want to deny all the statements that have been made reflecting upon father's mental condition. His mind is perfectly clear—clearer at this moment than it ever was. He is as bright as can be and is able to talk."

His son, John A. McCall, Jr., said that his father had suffered a stroke of apoplexy. "He has not—absolutely not."

## LATE RESULTS AT FAIR GROUNDS.

Fifth—Van Ness 4-5, Lady Navarre 2-5 pl., Col. Jessup. Sixth—Beechwood 7-2, Chauncey Olcott 1-1 pl., Flavius.

AT CITY PARK.

Sixth—Debar 3-1, Garnish out place, Monacodor. Seventh—Bertha E. 7-10, Kara 2-1, Goldie.

TO ABOLISH BRIDGE TOLLS.

A resolution was introduced by Borough President Ahearn in the Board of Aldermen to-day to abolish tolls for all vehicles except street cars on both the Williamsburg and Brooklyn bridges after April 30. It was referred and a public hearing will be held.

RAILROAD YARD FOR PARK.

A move to make the yards of the Central Railroad at Eleventh avenue and Thirty-fifth street into a public park was begun through a resolution introduced by Alderman Lewis to-day at the Aldermanic meeting. It was referred.

NEW SPUYTEN DUYVIL BRIDGE.

\$1,000,000 for a Hudson memorial bridge over Spuyten Duyvil Creek. The project has been agitated by The Evening World.